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# Kentucky

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## Boldrick Family

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June 19th, 1944.

Dr. Louis A. Warren, Editor,
Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Warren:

Enclosed find a photostat copy of a letter written in Springfield, Ill. on December 8th, 1850. It was from my grandmother Mary Freelove Doneghy Boldrick to her sister Eliza (Lila) Willson of Danville, Ky. Anyone who ever lived in Danville wanted to get back and hence her homesickness. My grand parents had letters from Joshua Bell, of Danville, and who had served in Congress from 1845 to 1847, ~~Bell County, Kentucky~~. His father came from Ireland through Canada and Josh Bell was born in Danville in 1811 and died in Danville in 1870. Bell Co. Ky was named for him

Several Springfield men are mentioned, namely, Dr. Richardson, Mr. Miler, Mr. & Mrs. Mires, and Mr. Tinsley who owned the store where my grandfather worked. George, my father, then 8 years old, carried lunch to him each day. My grandfather Jas. P. Boldrick was a cutter and perhaps Mr. Tinsley owned a tailor shop. I wonder who the smart preacher was who drew crowds from other denominations.

My grandmother complains of the high cost of living. Butter fifteen cents and eggs same. In Kentucky at that time butter was ten cents and eggs 3 dozen for 25 cents.

Of course eventually the family came back to dear old Danville.

The letter throws some light on living in Springfield in 1870.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:LM

Enclosure.

Sam. J. Boldrick

Springfield Dec 8th 1840

Dear Lile

I received your letter written in octob
last monday it has been more than a month on the way i read i
and then look a good cry to think i had given you and m
so much trouble for nothing at the time i wrote to you i
was making preparations for leaving that was tuesday and o
friday Mr Baldrick told me that Mr Tensley had made
an offer and wanted me to say whether he should accept
or not he said if i said go he would do it but he thought
could make by staying i told him he could stay but it w
be a great disappointment to you and me to as i had wri
to you that we were coming back he said he would write t
we would not be back untill spring at the time he wrote
was not well and had not been from the middle of August
i got in a weakly kind of way but i was afraid of the doc
here i thought i would wait untill i got back home to Dr a
when i found i was not going i let him bring Dr Richardson a
then i soon got well and feel better and look better than i
did house work agrees with me i do every thing but t
washing and let Amanda sew when i think of every th
i think i should be satisfied if you and ma was here a
should be i will tell you why in the first place Mr Ha
is a better man than i ever knew him he has no one to call
from home like he had there the letters Josh Bell gave him
throw him among the best of the place i have become ac
with a great many and some of them i like very much b
says i know more now than she does we moved the next wee

after i wrote to you to a big house with a kitchen bigger than a store box we stay in the back part of the house so we dont hear a knock at the door so we often find cards sliped under the door Mr Boldrick says he will get me some shingles with my name on them to go out visiting. every thing is very high here but flour butter is now 15 cts eggs the same but still we get things more plenty here than we did there we have had a great many wild turkeys one half the breast is enough for all our dinners we get prarie chickens sometimes and always have tame chickens plenty we live a greatdeal better than we did there you know that suits me if i could have you all to come eat with me sometimes on thanksgiving day i got a big dinner a turkey chickenpie mincepie and every thing i could get good and sent for mele and sam Mr and Mrs Mires Mr Miler a young man of Mr Boldricks acquaintance and none of them come but Mr Miers he is head clerk in Mr Tinsleys store and she was a Miss Robards of Kentucky a cousin of Mrs J Thompson of Harrodsburg when we were fixing to come back to Kentucky George said all he hated to leave was the church the children all are fond of going to church and catechism there is a very smart preacher here he draws crowds of others denominations every sunday they expect a half dozen nuns here in the spring to open school that should be another inducement for me to be content but yet i am not going to mels dont satisfy me like goeng to your house her and sam are very kind but there is something lacking they speak of coming to Kentucky in the spring and i think they will move there if he makes enough by his patents he will i know so she wont have to work she

has a very bad cough now i dont know how it will terminate her child acts and looks like he was six months old they call him Henry Mr Boully Sam seen susan the first time he was there but not her husband when he came back the last time he brought mele some dresses and made me a present of a black silk dress.
sam come in just now and said he is now winding up his business to go some where in the spring he says he wants us to go back and all live in visiting distance of each other he says it wont do for him to go back if we dont that you all would kill him but Mr Boldrick dont like here well enough to stay he dont like to see white woman do every thing to see the poverty of some is distressing sis was watching for a woman that she had seen picking up sticks in the street to give her wood the negroes there are better off than some are here the children would help every one if they could i feel very much obliged to you ma Thurillia and Mr Maury and can safely say that i will never disappoint you again for the next time i write that i am coming i will bring the letter myself we did try to send George back this fall but could see no one that was going there i reckon Hendron was not in Springfield or Mr Boldrick would have seen him he wants to come back very much to be there at Christmas he grows very fast and prettier every day he says he wishes he could get in this letter and go back i believe sis will come out yet she gets better looking too pony looks about the same sarah is as large now as henry was when i left there she has a puss that she nurses like a baby she calls it pretty blue eyes and calls for the towel to wipe its face tell wilson the illinois crops never fail especially the baby crop he ought to come here dont think by this that i have a crop of that kind i am clear so far and to stay so

is my intention at present i dream almost every night about Kentucky but never see me nor hear any of you talk it would be a pleasure to hear you talk even in dreams i see Paul every time but he is always silent i thought one night i seen aunt mary and she run and lifted me off of the floor i feel sorry in the morning that it is not so but i will live in hopes if i die in despair Mr Roldrick is kept very busy some days he ~~can't~~ come to dinner then george will take it to him and then he wont have time to eat it the business hours are from ten to thru excuse me for writing so long a letter and nothing in it give our love to all our friends without exception amanda says she wants to see you and telighe tell abe and paul i think they might write to us no more but remain yours ever M F B

who would have thought mary marriot would ever marry
write you and tell me every thing

June 23, 1944

Mr. Sam Boldrick
408-9 Bankers Trust Building
151 S. 5th St.
Louisville, 2, Ky.

My dear Mr. Boldrick:

Thanks very much for the photostatic copy of the letter written in Springfield, Illinois in 1850.

We are always pleased to have these letters for our collateral files and they contribute very much to the Lincoln story.

Very truly yours,

LAW:WM

Director

Dr. Warren:

You may place this letter from Amelia De Matte with the photostat of my grand-mothers letter written from Springfield in the Autumn of 1850. Sam Graves the grand father of Miss De Matte lived to the rear of Mr. Lincoln an alley separating the two houses

Best wishes

S. F. Boldrick

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August 26,1944

Mr.Samuel J.Boldrick
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Cousin Sam:

Now if you are one of the persons who dont approve of typewritten letters, I'm off on the wrong foot. I have a typewriter of my own and have done all my writing on it for so many years I have almost forgotten how to write long hand. If it's al right with you,I'll go on with my letter.

The book and the letter written by your great-grandmother came (no,she is your grandmother) and I am very glad to have both of them.Lucy says I am to return the book which I will do as soon as I have read it but I may keep the letter. I am very glad of that as it is interesting and historic. I wish she had said something about little Anna. That was my mother and she was 10 years old then. She and your father were own cousins which makes us 2nd cousins. Mother used to tell that they lived in a house that backed up to the Lincoln house.There was an alley between the two lots and her brothers played with the Lincoln boys all the time. Uncle Hobe told me a number of stories about the family but they are all so derogatory to Mrs.Lincoln that I have never written them down. According to the children of the neighborhood she was very much of a scold. I think they all went back to Kentucky the year following this letter and spent several weeks with the mother there in Danville. Then my grandfather Sam Graves brought his family back to Illinois and settled in Jacksonville where his wife Amelia died the following year, or early the same year. They brought her back on a cot which men had to carry.

I enjoy going to Danville.It is old and historic and I like such things very much.I have been retired two years now and have a fine time doing as I please!

With best wishes and many thanks, I am,
your cousin,

Amy DeMotte.

Address Miss Amelia DeMotte
327 Lockwood Place,
Jacksonville,Illinois.

August 28th, 1944.

Miss Amelia Demotte,
327 Lockwood Place,
Jacksonville, Illinois.

Dear Cousin Amy:

Thanks for your letter.

Well do I remember Uncle Sam Graves. He visited at my father's house in the early eighties and I remember his long white beard. And oh! how he could pray at home and in church. It was my duty to take him to prayer meeting every Wednesday night at the Methodist Church and the preacher always called on Uncle Sam for prayers and he always responded and the prayers were lengthy. On Sunday morning he would go to Church alone- at night he had difficulty in seeing, hence I went along.

Who was Uncle Hobe?

You know Mrs. Lincoln was a Todd, enough said.

Sincerely your cousin,

Sam. J. Baldwin

SJB:LH

September 5, 1944

Mr. Samuel J. Boldrick
Bankers Trust Bldg.
Louisville, Ky.

My dear Mr. Boldrick:

Thank you very much for the further correspondence which relates indirectly to the Lincoln family and which we are pleased indeed to have in our files.

We hope some day you will be able to come up here and look over the enormous amount of material wehave been able to gather about Abraham Lincoln.

Very truly yours,

LAW:vff

Director

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ANCESTRAL TOMES